

Blue Ribbon Schools Recognized at Tennessee State Board Meeting

The State Board of Education did recognize the four Blue Ribbon Schools from Tennessee for school year 2006-2007. The State Board Meeting was Friday, April 25, 2008 at 8:30 AM at the Andrew Johnson Tower conference room. The U.S. Department of Education annually recognizes schools that demonstrate outstanding student achievement results. This prestigious program is the *Blue Ribbon Schools Program*.

Blue Ribbon Schools must be first nominated by the chief state school officer as eligible. Based on state data, the CSSO certifies that the nominated schools meet one of two criteria:

- 1) Schools that draw at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds show dramatic improvement in test scores to high levels in at least the past three years in reading (language arts or English) and mathematics.
- 2) Regardless of its demographics, the school achieves in the top 10 percent of schools in the state in the school's grade category as measured by state tests of reading (language arts or English) and mathematics in at least the last grade tested in the last year tested.

The nominated schools must successfully complete an intensive application process which is reviewed by the U.S. Department of Education.

Tennessee had four schools recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools for 2007.

Tennessee Blue Ribbon Schools for 2007-08

Holston View Elementary Bristol City Schools



Tom Parker-Principal

Harpeth High School Cheatham County

*Jenny Simpkins-Principal,
Susan Greer-Teacher and
Lynn Seifert-Director of Schools*



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Jefferson Middle School Oak Ridge Schools



*Mike Haygood-Teacher,
Bruce Lay-Principal and
Thomas Bailey-Director of Schools*

Jacks Creek Elementary Chester County



*Jennie Fletcher-Teacher and
Linda Patterson-Title I Director*